

So the Young bill speaks to this. It speaks to this well.

I will spend all weekend trying to gather support for this bill. I will spend all the beginning of next week trying to get support for this bill. I will be on the floor the day the vote comes up, and I will be lobbying. I will be doing what people in my profession do well, trying to convince people that my position is the correct one. But I think it really is.

I am not asking this Congress to commit itself to anything, just to allow the people of Puerto Rico to tell us what they want to do. It is the least that we can do.

So, in conclusion, my colleagues, my friends, I think you have to really try to put yourself in the position of the 3.8 million American citizens who live on the island of Puerto Rico, try to look at their situation, try to analyze their citizenship, try to walk in their shoes, try to understand how it must feel not to be part of a world of free nations and not to be part of a union of 50 sovereign states. Something has to give.

I think that, as we speak in this country about family values and about morality and about what we teach our children, I think we, as a country, as a government, have to be careful that what we try to preach at home is not in total contradiction from what we preach in Congress. You cannot tell a child to be fair if our government is not fair. You cannot teach a child in school about democracy while we are not exercising everybody's right to self-determination.

Next week, I hope that we get a resounding victory for this bill. Let the vote take place, let it come back to us, and then let us deal with the results.

But let us leave here next week knowing that we stood up for democracy, that we stood up for self-determination, and that we honor those Puerto Ricans who lived their full lifetime as American citizens that were enjoying equality and, at the same time, at a point where we might be in the middle of averting military conflict with Iraq, let us honor the memory of all of those thousands of Puerto Ricans who died in American wars and who never got a chance to be equal citizens or free people in the world of free nations.

So I close with my belief that next week will be a historic moment. Let us give this bill and Mr. YOUNG the victory the bill and the gentleman deserve. More important, let us give the people of Puerto Rico the right to self-determination and the respect they deserve for having been loyal American citizens for all of these years.

OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1998

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1415.

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1415.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. GEPHARDT, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. HINOJOSA, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. VISCLOSKEY, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. REYES, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. BENTSEN, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. ROTHMAN for 5 minutes today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. STOKES.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. ROTHMAN.

Mr. EVANS.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. HOBSON.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. REDMOND.

Mr. MICA.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. SERRANO) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. HALL of Ohio.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. EDWARDS.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

Mr. RUSH.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.

Mr. WEXLER.

Mr. BOB SCHAEFFER of Colorado.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. DAVIS of Florida.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

Mr. CLYBURN, in two instances.

Mrs. NORTHUP.

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. GUTIERREZ.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. BARCIA.

Mr. DUNCAN.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 2, 1998, at 2 p.m. for morning hour debates.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7574. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tuberculosis Testing of Livestock Other Than Cattle and Bison [Docket No. 97-062-1] received February 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7575. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Dry Bean Crop Insurance Provisions; and Dry Bean Crop Insurance Regulations (RIN: 0563-AB02) received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7576. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dry Bean Crop Insurance Regulations [7 CFR Part 433] received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7577. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—General Crop Insurance Regulations, Fresh Market Sweet Corn Endorsement; and Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Fresh Market Sweet Corn Crop Insurance Provisions [7 CFR Parts 401 and 457] received February 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7578. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's